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The Liberal Meeting

On Friday afternoon last a number of business men of Claresholm and many of the farmers from this vicinity gathered in the T.O.O.F. hall here to hear and meet some of the speakers and members of the Liberal party of Alberta. The Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, Mr. Quayle, former Editor of the Claresholm Review were the speakers accompanied by Wm. Moffatt member for this riding. Major Holmes took the Chair and very ably introduced each speaker.

Mr. Quayle was first called upon and spoke highly of Claresholm, of the surrounding country, of the great future it had if farming would only be more encouraged as that was practically all Claresholm depended upon and it was enough if properly encouraged. Mr. Quayle dwelt longer on the work of the Farmers Cooperative Co. and the great work that was done by them to help the farmers. Mr. Quayle ended his address by saying that in the course of a very few years the farmers would be getting free wheat and free implements.

The Hon. Chas. Stewart was next called. This was the first time Mr. Stewart had visited Claresholm. He spoke very highly of our member Mr. Moffatt of his good work on the Committee in Edmonton at the last election. He said that he would like Mr. Moffatt did far more work for the good of the country than many members who got up and gave long windy speeches. Mr. Stewart gave some synopsis of the Alberta Government as it was ten years ago, of what it is now and of what it will be if the present Government is allowed to remain. He said "What I want is a Democratic Government which will give the people what they need and at the very cheapest prices."

He compared other provinces with Alberta and said, "The Government in Alberta to day was the most systematic of any other province." He went on to show how the money is spent on mines, on roads and bridges, on the Police, on the Public Health, on the Education, on the Schools, and how the Government was economizing in each case so that the farmer would have to pay no money other than for school taxes and for local improvements and that for every cent he paid out he would receive an equal cent back.

Some of the other things Mr. Stewart brought before us were, that every child would get a public school education, \$223,000 have already been expended for school buildings, only a few have been sold so far, \$554,000 was spent on interest on the \$500,000 debt which is in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Telephone wires cheaper in this province than in any other place in Canada. In 1909 it cost about \$150 per mile to install telephones and now it costs the government \$200 per mile due to increase of prices in poles, wire and wages. Mr. Stewart in closing said "No matter how far we have gone on the Road to Progress we have done it honestly and are going to continue so, and that what we want now is absolute free trade and internal commerce means equal rights to all and special rights to none."

Rod and Gun for April

"Ted and Gun for April is out with a bill of fare designed primarily for the fisherman. The cover cut, which this month is specially attractive, depicts a fisherman holding up to view a 1 lb. prize salmon trout secured last year in Aldous Park. Bouleauville Dale contributes the leading article "Halibut Fishing in the Northern Pacific"; H. Mortimer Bateson a well illustrated article on "Trot Farming"; and other stories and articles which describe fishing experiences etc. in various parts of the Dominion from Alaska to the Pacific. Prof. Edward Prince, Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries and an authority on both fish and game, writes of "The Frog Herd"; and "The Snake of the West," which is said to be in danger of extinction unless immediate protective measures are adopted for its preservation. The regular departments are all well maintained.

The Five-Mile School

The Alberta Sunshin Club met at George Lepard's last Friday afternoon, where they did sewing for Mrs. Lepard who has been ill for four months, and who has five little folks to sew for. There were five sewing machines on the scene of action, which were kept busy from one o'clock until six. Thirteen garments were completed, and three partly finished. The Ladies were served a splendid lunch at four o'clock. Mrs. Lepard has had her share of ill health and we hope soon to hear her recovery.

A crowd of friends and neighbors report having a splendid time at a dance given by Mr. Wm. Anderson last Friday night. Owing to good floor and to agreeable host and hostess the merry makers stayed until the wee small hours of morning.

Mr. Harry Mosley and wife arrived here last week from Dodge City Kansas where they have spent the winter. Mr. Mosley says he will blow to much in Kansas for him, and that he is glad to get back to Canada (where the wind doesn't blow).

Of Interest To The Public

Edmonton, Alta., March 31st.—Chief executives and representatives of the various municipalities of Alberta will meet at the Hotel Macdonald on April 1st, to meet members of the provincial council and urge the inclusion of certain items of legislation in the municipal franchise some portion of hotel and other fees and a line collected by the government. The convention will also consider a proposal that certain items of legislation be collected by the province, request that the municipalities be allowed to collect the same.

Mayor W. J. McNamara of Edmonton and Mayor Smith of Calgary originated the movement of urging the government to return to the cities and towns their shares of the taxes and fines collected by the province, and the idea has been approved by the chief executives of Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Camrose, Stettin, Leduc, Dryden, Claresholm, High River and Atchafalaya, and numerous smaller towns throughout the province.

Mayor McNamara, who is now in the seat on a business trip for the municipality, will return to Edmonton early in April. Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for the convention and the entertainment of the visitors. It is expected that most of the cabinet ministers will be in town to meet the mayors.

Judicial Sale of Town Property

PURSUANT to the Judgment and Final Order for Sale made in the case of The Colonial Investment and Loan Company versus Emma H. Payne et al, there will be sold by Public Auction at the Municipal Office, in the Town of Claresholm, in the Province of Alberta, on Saturday the 25th day of April A.D. 1914, at Eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, the following lands and premises:

Lot 1 in Block 10, containing a plan of part of the said Town of Claresholm, of record in the Land Titles Office for the South Alberta Land Registry District of "Claresholm 147-N," together with the dwelling house and shed erected thereon.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid which has been settled by the Court.

Terms. Ten per cent, deposit at the time of sale, and the balance within sixty days without interest to the Clerk of this Court at Medicine Hat.

Further Conditions of Sale will be read at the time of the sale or may be had from.

BERNARD, BERNARD & GOOD, ALL of Calgary, Alberta, Solicitors for the Plaintiffs.

For Sale Cheap

N. E. quarter of section 14 Township 19, Range 26 West of 4th Meridian. Inquire of M. E. Dillia, Ashland, Wis.

Claresholm and District

Outs Henry spent a couple of days in Calgary last week.

Miss N. Oehlin of Gratum visited at J. W. Coley's this week.

Miss I. Walker of Nanton visited the Misses Matthews this week.

J. Reynolds bought a car from Vancouver.

Harry Cook has left the Queens hotel.

Earl Cole has left the Wilton and will work for C. K. Tillison.

Mrs. (Dr.) Dixon and son Jack visited Mrs. M. Fisher on Tuesday.

Jas. Clark and Co. had a new plate glass put in their store on Wednesday.

Local Talent are rehearsing nearly every night for the new play "What happened to Jones."

Mr. S. F. Patterson who dug the town wells a few years ago visited town Friday last.

Brown's big slaughter sale is still on and everyone is invited to inspect the goods.

The Rex Theatre is open from 7.15 until 10.15 every night so don't forget to come.

Mr. Reinecke is making some new alterations on his house by building a new veranda.

Mr. Hilger who has been visiting at Mrs. Cassel's on Saturday for his ranch at Shelly, Mont.

April the first, the weather early brought out the new spring suits.

Dad Munro built a new home for his Rhode Island Reds, up at "Reds" post office.

The Record took a business trip to Calgary on Thursday last, returning on Saturday.

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte chickens. Apply R. G. Bissett, Meadow Creek, Phone R710. 49d

Mr. Shanks, Manager of Union Bank here, sold his car to Mr. Wright of the Economy Feed barns.

Mr. W. T. Cochran moved on Tuesday to Dr. Loren's house which was formerly occupied by W. Colley.

The Star Line School will hold Sunday School at 10.30 and church at 11.30 a.m. every Sunday hereafter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Starr of Carleton Place have moved to Claresholm. Mr. Stitt will work at the Wilton.

"What happened to Jones" is the new Comedy the local talent are putting on the latter part of April.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Colley on Monday, March 30th, a boy, who next fall will take his father's place collecting.

For the very best work at the most up-to-date printing and at the very lowest prices. Get it done at the Review office.

FOR SALE—200 bushels of Marquis wheat at 90 cents per bush, uncleaned at the granary apply to W. F. Cook Phone R202.

FOR SALE—Horses well broken, and a few tons of hay as well as some manure wheat. Apply to John Stevenson on phone 610.

Miss Gordon, formerly of Swan Lake, Manitoba, came to Claresholm on March 24th and has taken the position as post mistress here.

Mr. J. Mitchell proprietor of the Wilton hotel left on the Monday night on business to San Francisco and other coast cities.

Special Football Practice on Friday at 5 o'clock in the fair grounds. Everyone come and make it a good practice.

WANTED—A job by a capable engineer who can run a gasoline engine, will go to work at once. Apply to J. W. Hall's oil office.

FOR SALE—480 acres of land in the Hills, good location, suitable for mixed farming, 30 acres broken, also 30 head of horses, and 10 head of cattle. Inquire at Ostrada, near London. For further particulars apply Box 65, 5-12 Gratum, Alta.

In the near future a column of the Claresholm Review will be reserved for poultry news, any one having anything interesting please send it in.

Mrs. F. L. Hamlyn and two daughters have returned from Flagstone B.C. after spending three months of the winter in that enjoyable climate. They expect to return to Flagstone again in August.

In an issue of a couple of weeks back it was stated that Shaw Yagawa had sold out to Houng Chong, this was a mistake and Shaw is carrying on his business as before.

Mr. Harry Yanashito porter at the Wilton hotel left on Saturday for a short vacation to Edmonton to visit John Jack. He is expected to return to night.

Mrs. B. Price left this morning for Calgary where she will visit for a couple of days. Then she will go to Calgary Alberta to spend a two months holiday with her aunt.

WANTED—Position by a young married man, can drive gasoline engine or will be willing to do any work on the farm. For particulars apply Mr. Ayling, Claresholm - 67

About the middle of March Mr. Kingsley opened his new Garage and is prepared now to take in any kind of work in connection with machinery.

Mr. S. McMoran of Calgary who has been putting on C. J. Brown's big sale this last two weeks for the Nello-Black Co. returned home on Tuesday.

Mounted Police Sheriff of Stately was moved to town. The city's barns are closed now and that part of the city will be worked from here.

Mr. W. Cameron who has been a manager of the dry goods at the dis. Clark and Co. store here went to Seabird where he will finish his last year on the homestead.

A book containing the prices and prices also some entry blanks for the Western Canada Fair and Riding Circuit can be seen by calling at the Review office.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Alberta Provincial Poultry Association will meet in the Alexander Hotel, Calgary on April 11th. Dad Munro is Claresholm representative.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gustman of Meadow Creek will going home on Tuesday had a runaway. The tug came off and the team ran into a wire fence throwing Mrs. Gustman into the fence and cutting her badly.

STRAYED—On the Premises of Thos. Moore, 31-12-29 W 4th, steel gray mare, stripe in face, weight about 1100 pounds, about eight years old, branded monogram 9 D on left hip.

LOST—ONE white mare, brand 44 on left ribs, reversed 6 on left stifle and 1 bay colt 3 white stock with red in face, brand reserved R 10 on left stifle, coming 2 years this spring. Report or bring to Vancouver's barn, Claresholm and receive reward.

Ralph Stuart.

STRAYED—To the premises of Fred Garrow, Gratum Alberta on or about January 1st 1914, a small red and white cow, coming 5 years, smooth horns, brand 10 on left shoulder, 10 on left rib, D. A. on left hip, 10 on right ribs. Apply to Fred Garrow, Gratum, Alberta.

Died

Mr. Peter Schram, who for the past few months has been gradually growing weaker, passed away on April 1st at the home of Mr. Fred Palmer. Mr. Schram was in his 86th year and one of the first settlers in this part of the country. He was born in Ontario, near London. Friends and neighbors sympathize deeply.

To Curlers

A meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening and a number of enthusiasts in curling assembled. Some officers were elected and the discussion of the evening was about the new building. All who attended were in favor of the new three sheet rink and an executive committee office of five viz: N. Holmes, Insp. Tucker C. J. Brown, O. L. Reinecke and W. T. Cochran were appointed to find the cost of a new building. The cost to build it, will be reported at the next meeting on Wednesday, May 6th in the council chambers and if satisfactory to the members a rink will be built in time for the Agricultural fair in July. The officers elected were:

President, R. E. Moffatt.
1st Vice-President, O. L. Reinecke
2nd Vice-President, W. Cochran.
Chaplin, Rev. W. McNichol.
Sec-Treas, F. Murray

Amendments Will Encourage Mixed Farming

Ottawa, Ont., March 31.—The Minister of the Interior introduced important amendments to the Dominion Lands Act yesterday. One clause reduces the time for securing patents on pre-emptive from six to three years, and abolishes the interest charge of 5 per cent.

However, the homesteader still has the option of paying for his pre-emption in six years.

It may be explained that every homesteader has the right to pre-empt an additional 100 acres at a charge of \$3.00 per acre. The present law gives six years in which to pay this charge and he pays interest at 5 per cent.

MAX KEEP STOCK

Another important amendment allows homesteaders on land which is not of the highest grade to qualify for their patents by keeping stock instead of breaking land to a certain amount as at present.

The first year there must be five head of cattle, in the second year ten and in the third year sixteen.

On pre-empted land, the homesteader can also secure his patent by keeping stock in lieu of cultivation, except that by the third year he must have twenty-four head of stock instead of sixteen.

The principal object of this amendment is to encourage mixed farming and cattle raising.

To Utilize Flax Straw

Two good industrial propositions are being considered by the Regina City Council at the present time. One aims to utilize the flax straw for the purpose of making twine, etc. The other aims to use all kinds of straw for the manufacture of briquettes for fuel.

At the present time, millions of tons of straw are burned yearly. It is claimed by the promoters of the briquette company that sufficient straw is wasted within 100 miles of Regina to manufacture a million tons of straw briquettes of an equal calorific value to that of good anthracite briquettes, and the results have been equally satisfactory.

The cost of manufacturing one ton of briquettes, it is claimed, would not exceed \$8 per ton, so that it will be seen that if the project is taken up, and the expectations are justified, a reduction in the price of fuel may be expected, not only in Regina, but in all parts of the province, as well as in the eastern provinces.

Canon Ranch News

D. J. Young started on April 1st to put in his second term on his homestead.

P. Dawson started today to put his second six months.

A. E. Strange on Mar. 1st started his first year on a homestead and after spending a month on it thinks he will like it fine.

F. G. Webber's house at Meadow Creek was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony on March 27th when the Rev. W. M. McNichol of Claresholm united in Holy Wedlock, Mr. John Thompson and Miss Hannah L. Webber both of Meadow Creek. In the evening a reception dance was given in the Carleton school and every one reported a most enjoyable time. After wishing the newlyweds a most prosperous and happy life time the dance broke up long before any one was tired.

The Farewell

Mr. R. Ames, who has been accounted in the Canadian Bank of Commerce here for over two years was moved to Kitchissippi Alberta to be manager of that branch. On Friday night a few of his friends here gave him a farewell dance, in the Parish Hall, which was a whirl of enjoyment from nine o'clock until thirty the following morning. Supply of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served at twelve. The music was the best ever heard in Claresholm and was given by the Macleod Orchestra.

Those present were the McLeans, Mitchell, Shanks, Jones, Langmuir, Reinecke, Watt, Reynolds, Harvey.

Misses Shand, Williams, Brown, Ljung, and Mrs. Ljung, Wastes, Jamieson, Gordon, of Swan Lake and Miss Gardner of Macleod.

Messrs. Sefton, Reinecke, Watt, Forbes, Connors, Shanks, James, Groves, Reid, Rizzo, Langmuir, Harvey, Reynolds, Mitchell, Munro, Clarkson and Shortreed.

The following evening a number of business men in town met at the bank rooms and presented Mr. Ames with two H.B.B. pipes. On Sunday morning he returned to Macleod and caught the train for his new position.

To All Churches

A Parade is to be one of the Features of the Fourth Convention of the International Sunday School Association to be held in Chicago, June 23-30, 1914. The fifty thousand men will all be Bible students. Train loads of men are to go into Chicago for the parade. The Alberta delegation will be in the line. This parade is to be the greatest testimony to the Bible, the power of the Bible, and the world has never witnessed. It will also celebrate religiously the goal set before the International Adult Bible Class Committee, namely, 50,000 Organized Adult Bible Classes in America. These classes represent an army of over two million men and women.

Rev. J. Smith B. A. to Visit Claresholm

Alberta's share of the fifty thousand classes is at least one hundred in Alberta. These are ninety-five classes now enrolled in the office of the Alberta Sunday School Association, Calgary, and the General Secretary, F. E. Werry, has sent out an appeal to all parts of the province asking for the enrollment of Organized Adult Bible Classes. All that is required to be numbered with the fifty thousand is to go into the office of Mr. Werry for an International Certificate of Recognition, but without this Certificate a Class cannot be counted.

On Sabbath next Rev. J. Smith, of Montreal, will preach in the Methodist church. Mr. Smith is a very interesting speaker and Claresholm is fortunate in having the privilege of hearing this talented preacher. He is one of the Field Secretaries of the "Temperance and Moral Reform" department of the Methodist church.

Mr. Smith is an ex-president of the Hamilton Conference and is making a tour of the Western Provinces.

As the watch-word for Alberta is "Prohibition to the full extent of the Provincial Powers" his coming is timely and every hour of temperance should bring him.

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ish "Tommy Atkins" is the best fed.

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meal to be compared to the not just

vegetables, pudding, cheese and beer

enjoyed by the subjects of King

George.

In France the soldier gets a cup

of black coffee on riding. He has to

work on an empty stomach till noon,

when he gets a pound of bread (this

day's allowance), and hashed meat or

beef, with potatoes. His drink is

water, unless he has money to buy

wine. At 6 o'clock he has a second

meal, consisting of boiled beef and

bread. He gets nothing more till

morning coffee on the following day.

The German soldier fares even

worse. Coffee at 5 a.m., stewed

hamburg, potatoes and bread at noon

and a plate of soup at night are

considered to be enough for him.

As a matter of fact, many soldiers

receive either money or food from their

parents, and the ration is clearly

inadequate.

The Swedish soldier is not badly

fed. He has a good breakfast con-

sisting of coffee, bread and butter,

pickled fish and potatoes. He dines

on a plate of soup, vegetables, roast

or bacon. Supper at 8, which con-

sists of a plate of soup, follows the

day.

The Austrian soldier fares no bet-

ter than his German comrade, ex-

cept where he is on campaign. Then

he has two solid meals a day instead

of one.

The Italian soldier is about the

worst fed of all. In time of peace

he gets practically a vegetarian diet.

He gets meat regularly when he is fight-

ing, but his menu is monotonous and

funds constitute his "ordinary."

The Russian is not much better

off as regards food, but he may drink

either beer or tea. He has two meals

a day, dinner composed of soup, and

cabbage soup, and a piece of beef or

veal. For supper he only gets a plate

of soup.

First Printer's Devil.

In the early days of printing this

art was much of a mystery, and

ignorant people thought the printer

evoked the aid of the powers of evil.

About Manhattan, the famous first

printer of the sixteenth century

went to Africa on an expedition and

pedition and brought back with him

a very little negro boy. Negroes

were a rarity then, and the boy was

immediately taken into the printer's

house. He was called "Little Black

Boy" and he was in reality an

Satan. He was called the "Little

Black Boy" because he was so small

and so dark. The printer was so

serious that the printer was forced

to exhibit the negro in public. It

was an advertisement for him.

It is known to Venice that

Alfonso Manutius, printer in the Holy

Church and to the Doge, have this

boy in his house. He is called the

Printer's Devil. All who think he

is not dead and blood may catch

him.

And that is how the term "print-

er's devil" that is a dog would

touch.

Why Eggs at Easter?

Few people understand why eggs

play so important a part in Easter

celebrations. The reason is that in

the medieval law in England forbade

eggs during Lent, and hence, at

Easter, the hungry medieval people

returned to their favorite dish, eggs.

In the United States, where Lent is

no longer observed, eggs, there is

no reason for featuring them upon

our Easter Sunday breakfast menu.

But we do it! It is the pretty survival

of an old custom.

In Elizabeth's time he who ate

during Lent died fine. He who

did not eat as had men, but they

was pilloried or set in the stocks.

But the rich, as usual, defied the

harsh Lenten laws, and they who

could afford to buy licenses to eat

that in Lent. For these licenses

lord was charged 26 shillings, a

commoner 2 shillings, and a commoner

7 shillings.

Between Tears and Laughter.

"Do you ever think, George, dear,"

said she, and her voice was soft and

low, as he listened the perfect beauty

the night—"Do you ever think how

close true happiness is allied with

tears?"

"I don't believe I ever do," admitted

George, dear, "but I will, if you

like."

"You are right," she went on, gazing up

at his face, and her lips were very

close to his. "When one is truly and

wholly happy, George, dear, there is

but little to divide a smile and a tear."

"Well, that's a fact," assented

George, dear. "But I never thought

of it before. After your husband's

being but the nose."—London Answers.

Made Parody Hot.

When Parody was allowed a pen-

sion for his remarkable additions to

scientific knowledge, when he intro-

duced millions of pounds sterling have

passed, an ignorant man was asked

Parody that he did not think much

of this science business and said:

Now, really, Parody, it's all a hum-

bugle thing, but it's all a humbug.

The insulted chemist refused the

commission until he better informed

himself about the humbug of the

experience of "his lordship."

Preaching and Practice.

"I suppose a hypocrite."

Now, take Jackson, for example;

he's the biggest hypocrite on earth."

But you appear to be his best

friend.

Yes, yes; I try to appear friendly

toward him. It pays better in the

end."

Just Suits Her.

Mrs. Woulton says she loves to

commune with nature."

I'm not surprised at that. Nature

will let you do all the talking, and

that makes an awful bit with her."

JAPAN IN TROUBLE.

Famine Conditions Prevail in Cherry

Blossom Empire.

Part of Japan is now within the

grasp of the worst famine that has

occurred in one hundred years. Ten

million people are in the famine dis-

tress, and a conservative estimate

places the number that is now in need

of food to keep from starving at

least at 200,000. Fortunately the

Government is alive to the situation

and has set aside \$2,000,000, which

will be spent upon necessary relief

work, and in public improvements

which will enable the starving fam-

ishes and infirm to buy food. Less

than half this sum, however, it is

spent this year, and even if it is

all spent it would not end the fune-

lous. There are rich and poor in every

district. The Japanese press has been

calling attention to the conditions

and is raising famine funds that will

supplement the Government's loan,

and the primary cause of the famine

is the failure of the rice crop in the

northern part of the empire, and this

was due to the very cold summer.

The stalks grew as usual, indeed,

much better than usual, but without

any heads, and were fit only for

fuel. In some places, however, the

crops were better, and in some

three-quarters of the food of the

average Japanese, the failure of this

was as serious as the failure of the

wheat and oat crops with

the failure of the rice crop.

Apart from rice the Japanese eat

much fish, but this is not a staple

food, and the reason that the rice failed

is that the rice is produced in the

northern part of the empire, and the

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